to the growth of country's overseas trade. About 95% of the country's import and exports is routed through the sea ports. Steps have been taken to create additional capacity of the order of 157 million tons in the 11 major ports during 9th Five Year Plan. In addition, the 12th major port at Ennore is under construction. Of the 148 intermediate / minor ports only about 30 contribute to cargo handling. Development of these ports is within the purview of State Governments concerned. With a view to attracting new technology, introducing better managerial practices and increasing productivity, various fiscal and other incentives have been announced to attract private investment in ports. The Major Port Trust Act, 1963 has been recently amended to give effect to a scheme of joint venture formations between a major port and foreign port, major port and minor port and a major port and companies. A programme for modernisation of equipments in the ports has also been taken up.

Rules for Appellate Tribunal for Fera

*232. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rules for the functioning of Appellate Tribunal for FERA have not been framed as yet and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) by when these are likely to be framed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Foreign Exchange Management (Adjudication Proceedings and Appeal) Rules, 2000 have been notified by Department of Economic Affairs vide GSR 382(E) dated 3rd May, 2000. These rules which came into force on 1.6.2000, *inter-alia*, contain provisions regardings Appeal to the Appellate Tribunal as well as Procedure before Appellate Tribunal. Department of Legal Affairs has already issued Notification setting up the Appellate Tribunal for Foreign Exchange at New Delhi w.e.f 1.6.2000. The framing of recruitement Rules for the post of Chairperson and Members of the Appellate Tribunal is under process in consultation with Department of Personnel and Training. The Recruitment Rules will be notified as soon as these are finalised. As regards Notification to be issued under Section 20(2)(c) and 20(2)(d) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, these would be issued in due course at the earliest.